



## Historical Happenings

Notes on Cultural Resource Management in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

### FWS Regional News:

Region 1—'s most recent "Out & About" publication focuses on cultural resources. Check it out here:

<http://pacific.fws.gov/publications/out&about/Summer2004.pdf>

Region 1—Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, located in the southeast corner of Oregon is proud to announce the opening of the Historic Sod House Ranch. This 1880's era ranch is the most intact of the cattle empire managed by pioneer rancher Peter French. Nine buildings representing a variety of ranch functions remain including the restored 1888 long barn.

Visitors will have the opportunity to step back in time as they discover this unique piece of Oregon's history. Nestled under 100 year old cottonwood trees, the historic buildings of the ranch beckon visitors to explore the stone cellar, a two-story buckaroo bunkhouse, the 112 foot long horse barn and the one room homestead. The surrounding meadows offer glimpses of a multitude of wildlife.

The ranch is open from August 15 through October 31 and is closed the remainder of the year to meet wildlife objectives. Hours are 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM each day. Volunteers stationed at the ranch, will offer free interpretive tours daily at 9:00, 11:00, 1:00 and 3:00. Special tours for school groups or large groups can be scheduled by contacting the Public Use Specialist at the refuge. The Centennial Trail provides wheelchair access to the entire ranch.

Region 1—Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, located in the southeast corner of Oregon is proud to announce the Second Annual Ranching Heritage Day at the Historic Sod House Ranch on Saturday, October 16, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. This event is a wonderful opportunity for families to join in a celebration of the ranching history of the Harney Basin and to learn about the ranching lifestyle that continues to thrive in the region.

As visitors explore the ranch they can stop and watch local community members demonstrate traditional ranching craft, learn about the Bureau of Land Management's wild horse adoption program, watch a cattle roping demonstration, and enjoy a delicious barbeque cooked by the Harney County Cattlewomen. Children can participate in a number of hands-on activities. Interpretive guides will conduct special tours at 11:00 and 1:00 giving visitors a glimpse of Sod House ranch life in the 1880's.

Region 5—Museum Property from Patuxent Research Refuge will be moving to NCTC later this summer. The collection currently totals approximately 1000 cubic feet and contains biological specimens, document, photographs and artwork. Contact Shelley Hight for more information.

During research associated with the on-going identification efforts, USGS biologists identified rare stomach contents from the Passenger Pigeon as well as the Carolina parakeet.

Region 7—Will be hosting a Cultural Resources course from September 14-16, 2004. The course will be aimed at FWS planning staff. Contact Debbie Corbett or Eugene Marino for additional information.

**FWS—Event Commemorates President Theodore Roosevelt's Historic Journey to Breton National Wildlife Refuge**

**This year marks the 100th anniversary of Breton National Wildlife Refuge, America's second refuge. It was established October 4, 1904 by President Theodore Roosevelt to protect pelicans and other shorebirds.**

## **Other Agency News**

**ACHP—Mrs. Laura Bush Designates Corinth, Mississippi, a *Preserve America* Community.** July 24, 2004—Corinth, Mississippi, today was honored when Mrs. Laura Bush designated it among the nation's newest *Preserve America* communities.

ACHP—We are pleased to announce the 2005 Preserve America Presidential Awards Call for Entries. These prestigious awards, which were announced by First Lady Laura Bush last fall, honor exemplary achievements in protection, preservation, sustainable use and interpretation of heritage assets. Four Preserve America Presidential Awards are given each year two for projects or programs that advance heritage tourism and two for outstanding privately funded historic preservation projects or programs. Nominations for the 2005 Preserve America Presidential Award must be postmarked no later than November 1, 2004. A nomination form is attached for your convenience. Additional information, as well as a downloadable nomination form, can be found at [www.preserveamerica.gov](http://www.preserveamerica.gov) Preserve America, a White House initiative developed and carried out in cooperation with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), the U.S. Department of the Interior, the U.S. Department of Commerce, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, highlights the efforts of the President and Mrs. Bush to preserve and celebrate our national heritage. The ACHP, in partnership with the National Park Service, administers the Preserve America Presidential Awards program on behalf of the White House.

ACHP—The Preserve America e-newsletter was launched as a means to provide timely updates on events related to the EO. See [www.PreserveAmerica.gov/subscribe.html](http://www.PreserveAmerica.gov/subscribe.html)

**NPS—Is celebrating the centennial of their museum program. See** <http://heritagenews.cr.nps.gov/index/Index.cfm> **for more information.**

The Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian celebrates its Grand Opening on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., on Tuesday, **September 21, 2004**. Activities are planned beginning on September 12<sup>th</sup> and continuing through September 27<sup>th</sup>. See <http://www.nmai.si.edu>

**National NGAPRA—databases are on-line and available for use by federal agencies. Information on affiliations with a draft notice, without a draft notice, and collection not yet identified to an affiliation can be reviewed at their website.**

See <http://www.cr.nps.gov/nagpra/notices/index.htm> for more information.

**Mineral Management Service—WWII Shipwrecks May Hold Key to Biological Mysteries of the Deep** Over the ages, humans have long been fascinated by the sea—by what creatures inhabit the deep, dark waters, and what has become of the many ships that now lie beneath the waves. A team of world-renowned scientists will venture into the deep waters of the Gulf of Mexico on an [18-day research mission](#) to investigate the long-term effect of manmade structures on the deep sea, and conversely, the effect of the environment on those structures. The multidisciplinary group, overseen by the Interior Department's Minerals Management Service (MMS), will depart Port Fourchon, Louisiana on July 29 aboard the NOAA contracted research and exploration vessel [HOS Dominator](#).

**BLM—The Bureau of Land Management (BLM)** today announced the creation of a photographic database web site from which the public may now view, print, and download historical digital images from the agency's digital photo library. The historical site may be accessed on the internet through BLM's photo database at [www.photos.blm.gov](http://www.photos.blm.gov). The new site is designed to provide access to more than 2,500 historical multiple-use images from BLM's public lands.

**DOI-WASHINGTON** - The Department of the Interior announced publication of revised procedures for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in order to encourage the department's cooperative conservation goals.

"We have updated the procedures to reflect our commitment to public participation and cooperative problem-solving," said Lynn Scarlett, Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget, who chaired the departmental working group assembling the procedures. The procedures are to be published today in the March 8 Federal Register. "We looked across bureaus and found the best practices that reflect our '4 C's' philosophy of conservation through communication, consultation, and cooperation. The manual revisions codify these best practices and communicate them throughout the department," Scarlett notes.

The revisions are the culmination of several years of work by the department, and are consistent with the recently released Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Task Force Report, Modernizing NEPA Implementation. The department held four listening sessions across the country in Anchorage, Portland, Denver and Washington, D.C. to elicit best practices from interested citizens and partners.

### **Legislative News**

Public Law 108-263 - to extend the authorization of programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (H.R. 4635), signed June 30.

Public Law 108-238 - to authorize assistance for the National Great Blacks in Wax Museum and Justice Learning Center (S.1233), signed June 22.

H.R. 4492 - to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to extend the authorization for certain national heritage areas.

H.R. 1014 - Gateway Communities Cooperation Act; requires the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture to assist gateway communities in becoming more involved in the planning decisions of the federal areas they border.

**H.R. 3819 - to establish the Lewis and Clark National Historical Park in Washington and Oregon by expanding Fort Clatsop National Memorial.(amended)**

**July 14 - Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee reported the following bills of interest: <http://energy.senate.gov>**

**S. 2167 - to establish the Lewis and Clark National Historical Park in Washington and Oregon by expanding Fort Clatsop National Memorial. (amended)**

**H.R. 265 - to adjust the boundaries of Mount Rainier National Park and authorize the acquisition of up to 800 acres of land to establish campgrounds and other facilities.**

**S. 2052 - to amend the National Trails System Act to designate El Camino Real de los Tejas as a National Historic Trail. (amended)**

**S. 2173 - authorizing the United States to take into trust certain land in Kiowa County, Colorado, owned by the Cheyenne and Arapaho Indian Tribes of Oklahoma in order to establish Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site. (amended)**

**S. 2543 - to establish a program and criteria for National Heritage Areas in the United States. (amended)**

**H.R. 1616 - to authorize the exchange of certain lands within the Martin Luther King, Jr., National Historic Site for lands owned by the City of Atlanta, Georgia.**

**H.R. 3768 - to expand the Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve in Florida by adding American Beach, one of the last remaining sites of an African-American beach to the park. (amended)**

**S. 2287 - to adjust the boundary of the Barataria Preserve Unit of Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve in Louisiana to expand the park by approximately 3,900 acres and to remove obsolete provisions and adopt consistent names for the park. (amended)**

**July 14 - House Resources Committee reported the following bills of interest: <http://resourcescommittee.house.gov>**

**H.R. 2129 - to direct the Secretary to conduct a special resources study regarding the suitability and feasibility of designating certain historic buildings and areas in Taunton, Massachusetts, as a unit of the National Park System. (amended)**

**H.R. 4492 - to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to extend the authorization for certain national heritage areas.**

**S. 1576 - authorizes 1,140 acres to be included within the boundary of Harpers Ferry National Historical Park.**

**H.R. 4481 - to expand the boundary of Wilson's Creek National Battlefield in Missouri to include approximately 615 acres that make up the remaining significant resources outside the park that are directly related to the battle. (amended)**

**H.R. 3257 - to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Western Reserve Heritage Area in northeastern Ohio. (amended)**

**H.R. 4508 - to require the Secretary to permit continued use and occupancy of 62 privately owned cabins in the Mineral King Valley in the Sequoia National Park.**

**H.R. 2457 - to authorize funds for an educational center for the Castillo de San Marcos National Monument. (amended)**

**July 8 - House Resources Committee, Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation, and Public Lands, marked up the following bills of interest:**  
**<http://resourcescommittee.house.gov/>**

**H.R. 2457 - to authorize funds for an educational center for the Castillo de San Marcos National Monument. (amended)**

**S. 1576 - to authorize 1,140 acres to be included within the boundary of Harpers Ferry National Historical Park.**

**July 15 - House Resources Committee, Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation, and Public Lands, held a hearing on the following bills of interest:**  
**<http://resourcescommittee.house.gov>**

**H.R. 4579 - to modify the boundary of the Harry S Truman National Historic Site in Missouri to add approximately 5 acres.**

**H.R. 4066 - to provide for the conveyance of certain land to the United States and to revise the boundary of the Chickasaw National Recreation Area in Oklahoma.**

**H.R. 4469 - to authorize \$15 million for restoration of the historic Angel Island Immigration Station in San Francisco Bay.**

**July 15 - the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, Subcommittee on National Parks, held a hearing on the following bills of interest: <http://energy.senate.gov>**

**S. 2432 - to expand the boundaries of Wilson's Creek National Battlefield in Missouri to include approximately 615 acres that make up the remaining significant resources outside the park that are directly related to the battle.**

**S. 2374 - to provide for the conveyance of certain land to the United States and to revise the boundary of the Chickasaw National Recreation Area in Oklahoma.**

**S. 2181 - to adjust the boundary of Rocky Mountain National Park in Colorado and direct the Secretary of the Interior to accept an offer to convey specified federal land near MacGregor Ranch in exchange for specified non-federal land located near the Ranch.**

**S. 1852 - directs the Secretary to provide \$10 million to the Franklin Institute to rehabilitate the Ben Franklin National Memorial in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and the development of an exhibit to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the birth of Franklin.**



**S. 2142 - to extend the authorization for the New Jersey Coastal Heritage Trail Route, increase the authorization ceiling by \$4 million, require a strategic plan, and authorize a grant program.**

**S. 2397 and H.R. 3706 - to adjust the boundary of the John Muir National Historic Site to add 0.2 of an acre for a new visitor parking area.**

**H.R. 1113 - to authorize the Secretary to convey to Christ Church of St. Simons Island, Georgia, approximately 6 acres within Fort Frederica National Monument in exchange for approximately 8.7 acres near the park that will be acquired by Christ Church.**

#### **Bills Of Interest Introduced in July**

**H.R. 4944 - to designate the Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail, introduced by Doc Hastings (R-WA), July 22.**

**H.R. 4980 - to direct the Secretary of the Interior to arrange for the carving of the figure of former President Ronald Reagan on Mount Rushmore National Memorial, introduced by Doug Ose (R-CA), July 22.**

**S. 2716 - to provide for the acquisition of land for administrative and visitor facilities for Death Valley National Park, introduced by Harry Reid (D-NV), July 22.**

**S. 2738 - to establish a commission to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the arrival of Samuel de Champlain in the Champlain Valley, introduced by Patrick Leahy (D-VT) July 22.**

**H.R. 4865 - to amend the National Trails System Act to authorize an additional category of national trail known as a national discovery trail, to provide special requirements for the establishment and administration of national discovery trails, and to designate the cross country AmericanDiscovery Trail as the first national discovery trail, introduced by Doug Bereuter (R-NE), July 20.**

**S. 2651 - to authorize the establishment at Antietam National Battlefield of a memorial to the officers and enlisted men of the Fifth, Sixth, and Ninth New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry Regiments and the First New Hampshire Light Artillery Battery who fought in the Battle of Antietam on September 17, 1862, introduced by Judd Gregg (R-NH), July 14.**

**S. 2646 - to direct the Director of the National Park Service to prepare a report on the sustainability of the John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor and the John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Commission, introduced by Lincoln Chafee (R-RI), July 13.**

**H.R. 4803 - to designate the memorial to Edmund S. Muskie in Rumford, Maine, as a national memorial, introduced by Michael Michaud (D-ME), July 9.**

**H.R. 4804 - to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resources study to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating the memorial to Edmund S. Muskie in Rumford, Maine, as a unit of the National Park System, introduced by Michael Michaud (D-ME), July 9.**

H.R. 4756 - to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating the Soldiers' Memorial Military Museum in St. Louis, Missouri, as a unit of the National Park System, introduced by William Clay (D-MO), July 6.

Find the latest status on any bill from Thomas the Library of Congress's online legislative resource. <http://thomas.loc.gov>

## Training News

The National Preservation Institute's Training Calendar has been updated and is available at [www.npi.org](http://www.npi.org).

"Protecting Archeological Sites on Eroding Shorelines: A Hay Bales Approach" is a new technical brief available from the National Park Service's Archeology and Ethnography program. Authored by Robert M. Thorne, an authority on site stabilization and preservation, the brief offers an inexpensive, yet effective method to preserve archeological sites along lakeshores. This is the latest of a series of online technical briefs offering alternative treatments to preserve and protect archeological sites as well as information about archeological contracting, collections management, public outreach and education, and other topics. [www.cr.nps.gov/aad/pubs/techbr](http://www.cr.nps.gov/aad/pubs/techbr)

## HERITAGE, ENVIRONMENT & TOURISM

Meetings of the Society for Applied Anthropology, La Fonda Hotel, Santa Fe, New Mexico  
April 5-10, 2005 contact Erve Chambers, c/o Society for Applied Anthropology, P.O. Box 2436, Oklahoma City, OK 73101-2436; [sfaa2005@sfaa.net](mailto:sfaa2005@sfaa.net); (405) 843-5113.

National Preservation Conference scheduled for September 28-October 3, 2004 in Louisville. Check [www.nationaltrust.org](http://www.nationaltrust.org) for more information.

## Federal Register News

For August—SUMMARY:

## Native American Liaison News

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes have negotiated a Draft Annual Funding Agreement for the National Bison Range Complex in Moeise, Montana. Per the draft agreement, the CSKT would perform some of the Service's activities at the Bison Range during Fiscal Year 2005. These activities include the following categories: biological program; fire program; maintenance program; and, visitor services.

## Upcoming Events, Education, and Volunteers and Friends News

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### Schedule of Events

(Check web site regularly for updates and workshop details)

Sunday work parties (WP) are scheduled for the following dates this summer.

Workshops (WS) will be held concurrently at the Old Shop on the River S Unit. All are welcome to attend work parties, while registration may be required for workshops.

August 8 WP and WS - Flintknapping

August 22 WP and WS - Flintknapping

Sept. 12 WP and WS - Mat Making I  
Sept. 26 WP and WS - Mat Making II  
**Contact Virginia Parks for more information**

## **Requests for Information**

The Service is increasing its participation in the National Trails System, the Trails for All Americans program, and promoting our part in the CDC initiative, Trails for Health. As part of that effort we are trying to increase the visibility of the Service in the National Trails System. The National Trails System has three components: National Scenic Trails, such as the Appalachian Trail; National Historic Trails, such as the Trail of Tears; and National Recreation Trails, unique local or regional trails. National Scenic and Historic Trails are congressionally designated, National Recreation Trails are designated by the Secretaries of Agriculture and Interior.

There are 15 National Historic Trails in the NTS. Seven of them have NWRs or NFHs along them or near them. The Service is interested in certifying refuges and hatcheries along NHTs. Certification is a partnership that helps landowners protect and preserve their historic trail properties, and share them with others. Nathan Caldwell, the newest addition to the WO transportation staff, will be working with interested regions and field stations on the certification process. For more information and a list of the NHTs and NWRs or NFHs associated with them, contact Nathan by email or at phone (703) 358-2205.